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11. (C) The Dutch share U.S. concern about the draft NGO law before the Russian Duma and have taken steps similar to those put forward reftel. On December 9, Joris Geeven (Senior Policy Officer, Human Rights Division, MFA) told poloff in response to reftel demarche that the Dutch formally expressed their concerns last week to the leader of the Russian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Konstantin Kosachev. The Dutch also presented a non-paper to Kosachev articulating Dutch NGO law similar the non-paper provided reftel. At poloff's request, Geeven provided a copy of the non-paper on December 12; post has forwarded the paper to EUR/UBI.

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